

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on August 4, 2006, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire September 4, 2006.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe Claims 1-10 to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick T. Bever". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "P" and a distinct "B".

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